

# WHOLE OF THE PROUD CITY NOW IN WRECK AND RUN

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reservation and to the suburbs. Residents of the hillsides in the central portions of the city seemingly were safe from the roaring furnace that was consuming the business section. They watched the towering mounds of flames and speckled as to the extent of the territory that was doomed.

Mayor Schmitz and Chief of Police Dihan have been forced from place to place by the flames. Daybreak found them directing the municipal council, which is a committee of safety, from the Fairmont Hotel, the beautiful structure that stood on the top of Nob Hill. But that caught fire, and they retreated to the Cushing, at Larkin and Sutter Streets; then to the north end police station in Sacramento Street.

## Last Desperate Stand.

Here the council, composed of the financial leaders of the city, met this morning and decided to resort to the most heroic measures yet undertaken since the city has been in the path of devastation. This decision was to bombard the entire section of the city lying along the east side of Van Ness Avenue from Golden Gate Avenue to Pacific Avenue, sixteen blocks in all, containing the homes of many millionaires and apartment houses. The last desperate stand of the fire fighters was made at Van Ness Street, one of the widest thoroughfares of San Francisco.

The order was given to destroy by dynamite all the buildings on the east side of this street for sixteen blocks. In the hope of tearing out a trolley the fire could not cross.

On the west side of Van Ness Street, a main had been found to be in fairly good order, with a small amount of water running through it.

## The Last Stand.

Here all the fire engines, hundreds of firemen and policemen and troops of the militia were concentrated. The last of the powder was sent to this point and the fearful task of blowing down nearly a mile of buildings began. It was a last stand against the fire. For hours the thunder of dynamite was echoed by the fear of falling buildings.

Great black mounds of powder smoke curled upward, and beams, bricks and even iron timbers bombarded the entire neighborhood.

The sunshone down fiercely upon the workers who gasped for breath in the

murk and haze of powder smoke, ash-filled air and clouds of mortar dust. From two engines, trivial little streams of water were thrown upon the walls of standing buildings in the hope of wetting them so thoroughly that the fire would not take hold when it reached them.

Men with blackened faces hanging from their mouths with evil bloodshot eyes, and faces darkened by powder, left the frightful work in which they were engaged to thrust their faces into the streams from the hose and drink like animals of the precious water apparently being wasted in gross extravagance upon the walls of doomed buildings.

The work of the fire-fighters was in vain. Hour after hour the blocks of San Francisco's handsome dwellings were reached Van Ness Street, and without pause leaped across it to sweep onward beyond the last defense that could be made against it.

## No Hope for City.

There is nothing more to be done. San Francisco is hopelessly given over to the flames at this time. Nothing apparently can save the rest of the city from destruction. A great rainstorm at this time might prove effective, but the night is calm, hot and as dry as under dry summer night what was San Francisco will be a mere heap of ashes, bent and twisted steel and sturdy blackened remains of its once magnificent buildings.

To the traveler who has visited San Francisco, tourist fashion, a description of the ruin and devastation of the last thirty-six hours would convey to him the impression that not a building, not an object with which he was familiar, has escaped destruction.

The City House, which he would have visited, has dropped from its rocky perch into the sea. Of the eastern part of the city, nothing that he would recall remains.

Nob Hill, the home of the old-time "Pompadour Kings," has been wiped out. Chinatown is only a legend of San Francisco's past. The business heart of the town is in utter ruin. The great stretch of the front with its hidden of smoke, mask and fumes, have been swept over by a banner of flames that has left nothing but blackened heaps. The City Hall, the great newspaper buildings of the city, its magnificent hotels, restaurants, Mechanics' Pavilion, where gathered the huge crowds who watched the battles of the prize-fighters for championships, and the theatres of the town are only memories.

# HOPELESS FIGHT TO SAVE CITY TOLD IN NEW YORK DISPATCHES

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 19.—According to a dispatch to the Western Union, the sub-treasury in San Francisco has been destroyed. The sub-treasury is not connected with the United States mint, which is still standing.  
William H. Baker, vice-president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, at 10:30 o'clock to-night received the following from the deputy chief of the San Francisco fire department:

"10:30 to-night, fire still under headway, gathering force and spreading. Two-thirds of business section of city devastated. Fire heading for residential district. Efforts to fight flames futile. Three hundred thousand will be homeless to-night. By Saturday, San Francisco will be an ash heap."

## Earlier Reports.

The fire has spread over the crest of the Nob Hill residence section, according to a dispatch received here by the Western Union. The flames were traveling in a northerly direction. It was 2:15 P. M. San Francisco time, when this dispatch was sent, and because of the dense smoke which enveloped the city, the sending operator announced:

"It is getting so dark I will have to get a light."

The Western Union Telegraph Company received the following from San Francisco later this afternoon:

"From burning city, homeless people are flocking with blankets and such baggage as can carry in arms to refuge across bay. All traffic toward city stopped by military authorities, and every means of travel made available to distressed and homeless people. In many cases wagons carried wounded sick and dying, together with what few household effects that could be gathered together."

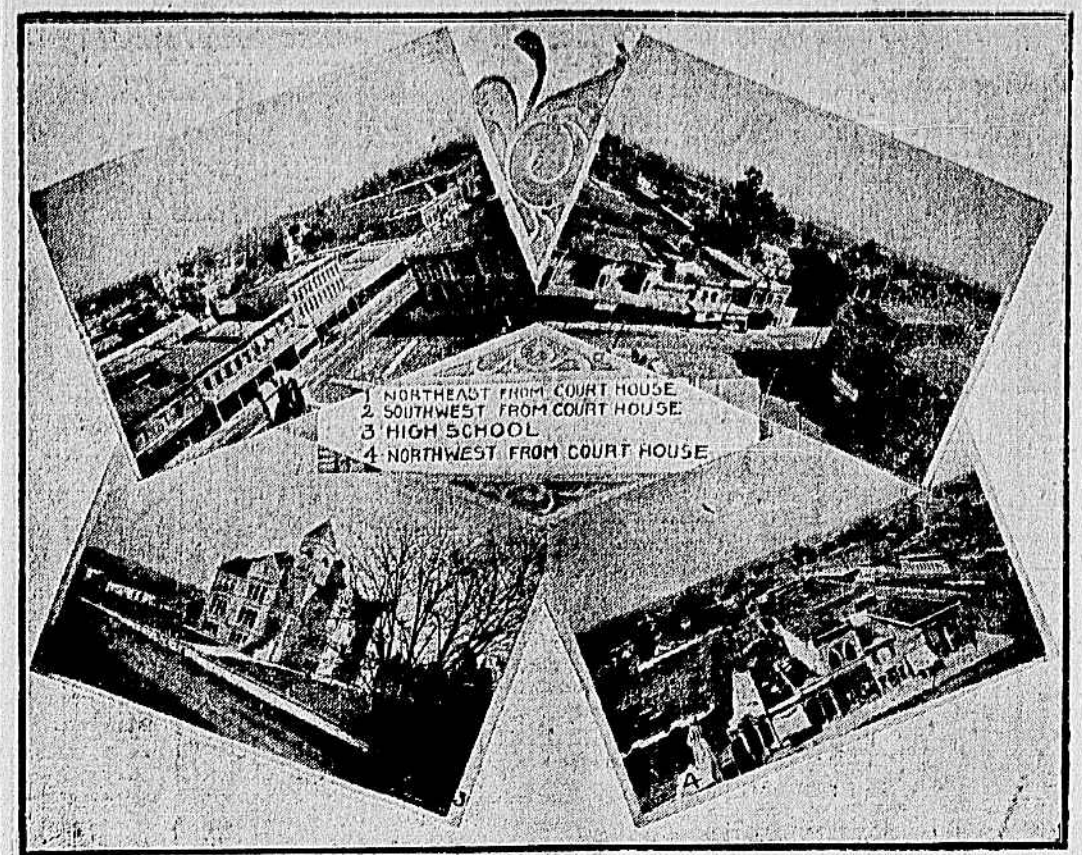
"The Oakland Hospitals are filled with injured and dying, who are being conveyed to the other side of the bay as rapidly as possible."

A message to the Postal Telegraph Company announces that two distinct earthquake shocks were felt at Los Angeles at 2:35 P. M. Eastern time. No details were given.

## Area Destroyed.

At 5 P. M. Pacific coast time, the Western Union received a dispatch giving the area destroyed by fire. The dispatch shows that practically all of San Francisco has been burned or is burning. The information was brought in by Sergeant Hinkley, United States army, who said: "Everything out Market Street to about Twenty-third Street, is burning fiercely. Everything is gone except the night. The postoffice was injured only by the earthquake. Only three or four rooms there are damaged. Every building of any importance in the city up to Van Ness Avenue, in-

# STREET SCENES IN CITY OF SANTA ROSA WHERE WORK OF DESTRUCTION WAS GREAT



# MILLIONS FOR SUFFERERS; PRESIDENT ISSUES APPEAL

Congress Appropriates \$1,000,000—John D. Rockefeller Gives \$100,000—Generous Response From All Quarters.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—President Roosevelt has issued official appeal for aid for the earthquake sufferers, the distribution to be made through the American Red Cross. Contributions may be sent to Jacob P. Schiff, New York Red Cross treasurer, or other local Red Cross treasurers.

The House to-day appropriated \$1,000,000 for the suffering and homeless in San Francisco and other California towns and gave the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Treasury, Navy and Commerce power to co-operate with the Mayors of the stricken cities that the very best results might be obtained in affording relief. The resolution was hurried to the Senate and late in the afternoon was returned with the announcement that the Senate had concurred in the action of the House. Speaker Cannon's signature was attached at once to the measure and it was rushed to the Senate for the Vice-President's signature, and thence to the President to complete the legislation. At 6 P. M. the President signed the resolution.

## New York's Response.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 19.—New York to-day spontaneously responded to the appeal for help sent out on behalf of the sufferers in the California disaster. More than half a million dollars was subscribed here to-day. Mayor McCellan to-night issued a proclamation appointing a representative committee of Relief. The Pennsylvania and Erie Railroads and Wells Fargo Company have offered to ship supplies free of charge. The Western Union Telegraph Company will handle all relief messages at the company's expense.

To-day's big subscription list was headed by John D. Rockefeller, with a contribution of \$100,000 the United Railway Investment Company, through its brokers, subscribed \$50,000; M. Guggenheim Sons contributed \$20,000; the Carnegie Hero Fund and J. P. Morgan & Co., \$25,000 each. Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, who lost much property at San Francisco, is chairman of a committee of ladies arranging for a benefit Saturday afternoon and evening at the Hippodrome.

## \$100,000 for University.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 19.—Clarence Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company to-night telegraphed to President Wheeler of the University of California, at Berkeley, saying he will contribute \$100,000 toward the erection of a new building for the University.

## Money From Treasury.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 19.—The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the elegant transfer of \$10,000,000 from the sub-treasury at New York to San Francisco. The cash will be deposited in New York and immediately paid out

## Give Great Sums for Victims of Disaster

Among the largest contributions announced yesterday for the San Francisco sufferers were the following:

Congress	\$1,000,000
Clarence Mackay (for U. S.)	100,000
United Railway Development	50,000
Comptroller & Sons, New York	50,000
J. P. Morgan & Sons	25,000
Carnegie Hero Fund	25,000
Atlanta	5,000

Relief funds are being raised in nearly every city in the country and millions of dollars will soon be available. Over \$200,000 was subscribed in New York city in one day. The wealthier residents of San Francisco contributed \$150,000 yesterday. Railroads are carrying provisions free of charge and telegraph companies are sending messages for nothing. The national government is lending every assistance possible in the way of tents and ra-

on the order of San Francisco banks entitled to the same.

## Atlanta Gives \$5,000.

(By Associated Press.)  
ATLANTA, GA., April 19.—A special meeting of Atlanta City Council this afternoon authorized the appropriation of \$5,000 for the relief of the sufferers in San Francisco. The amount was immediately transmitted by telegraph to Mayor Schmitz. Subscription lists have been opened at the offices of the daily papers here.

## Norfolk to Help.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., April 19.—The directors of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce decided this afternoon to raise a fund for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

## Carloads of Goods.

(By Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, April 19.—E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Southern Pacific, decided this afternoon to get a special train, buy five carloads of goods and send them to San Francisco at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Calvin says conditions in the stricken city are so appalling as to be beyond belief or comprehension.

## Urges South to Act.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BALTIMORE, MD., April 19.—The Manufacturers' Record of to-day in double-columned editorial urges that the entire South take immediate action in contributions to aid San Francisco, and says: "Out of its abundance and its sympathy for the sufferers in San Francisco, the South has the chance to prompt relief for the suffering that has been entailed upon the people of the metropolis of the Pacific by the earthquake of the San Francisco earthquake. Who acts immediately, acts with double effect."

# WAVE OF SYMPATHY THROUGH BRITAIN

England Ready to Lend Aid If It Is Desired—Professor's Prediction.

LONDON, April 19.—The great wave of sympathy in Great Britain for the sufferers from the San Francisco catastrophe would take a practical form on the slightest intimation that financial relief is necessary or acceptable. It is the general opinion, however, that the Americans will prefer to take care of the situation themselves without outside aid. Public meetings of church, Good Templar and many other societies to-day adopted expressions of sorrow at the calamity and deep sympathy with the bereaved and injured. Many inquirers, having relatives in San Francisco called during the day at the American embassy and the offices of the Associated Press were invaded by San Franciscans desirous of obtaining the latest news.

Trading on the Stock Exchange opened generally dull in sympathy with the distress of Americans in consequence of the earthquake, but prices recovered slightly after the lunch hour, some stocks rising to above parity.

It is understood that the British fire insurance companies are not involved, and the question is raised as to whether

they are liable for the buildings destroyed by fire as a direct result of the earthquake.

## What Milne Says.

Professor John Milne, whose seismic observatory at Shide Hill, Newport, Isle of Wight, recorded a disturbance at 1:30 in the afternoon of Wednesday, April 18th, has developed his seismo-photographic records of the earthquake. He says the disturbance was caused by the production of a large fault created by a yielding of a rocky strata while undergoing the process of upheaval. The professor predicts local shocks later, but probably much less severe than those of yesterday.

The American Society has summoned its members by telegraph to attend a meeting to-morrow for the purpose of discussing steps to assist the sufferers at San Francisco. Ambassador Reid is expected to preside.

## SORROW IN ITALY FOR STRICKEN CITY

Shocks So Severe That They Injured Instruments of Observatory at Florence.

ROME, April 19.—The news of the earthquake in San Francisco and its vicinity caused a great deal of sorry here. Many Americans hurried to the embassy, consulate and office of the Associated Press, fearing for the safety of their relatives or property. It is estimated that here are over 2,000 Californians now visiting Italy.

Selsmographs in the observatories throughout Italy yesterday recorded distant earth shocks. Those of the obser-

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# GOVERNMENT AID WHERE POSSIBLE

President Roosevelt Keeping in Close Touch With Situation at San Francisco.

## CONFIDENCE IN FUNSTON

Politics in National Capital Forgotten—Taft Orders Rations Sent.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The earthquake and fire at San Francisco completely monopolized public attention at Washington. Politics is relegated far to the rear, and members and senators and newspaper correspondents, and attachés at the Capitol gather in knots to consider the varied phases of the horror, which is more of a cataclysm than any previous event in the history of the new world. The press association have maintained a bulletin service at the Capitol to-day, and the boards where the news of the progress of the fire was detailed were surrounded by a throng of men, many of them distinguished men, studying the story of the devastation, the raising of one of the most populous, wealthy, prosperous and beautiful cities of the world.

## President Much Concerned.

When the bulletin was displayed on the board at the office of the State, Secretary Taft had ordered that 200,000 rations be sent to the people of the starving city; there were hearty cheers from the crowd.

This action was taken after conference with the President, who has been keeping in closest possible touch with the situation, although the infrequency with which General Funston is heard from at the War Department has indicated that he is too busy to do much telegraphing. The department believes that a better man to have charge of the military dispatches has not yet been found. General Funston has been so busy that he has encountered such a variety of difficult conditions in two continents and in all latitudes, and overcome them, that his superior do not doubt he will cope with the situation in San Francisco as nearly as it is possible for any man to deal with such unprecedented conditions.

## Morris Now Under Arrest.

Alexander Morris, the negro, who was seriously wounded Edward Fry last Monday night of Seventeenth Street, was caught and put in the lock-up at the First station last night. It looks very much like a case of homicide against Morris, as his victim is expected to pass in his chips at any moment.

## Send Messages Free.

The Postal Telegraph Company announced last night that it will handle free any messages offered by mayors of cities and organizations, who offering aid or relief to San Francisco.

# The Veterans for New Orleans Leave Richmond 12:30 Noon Monday, April 23d.

The veterans of Richmond and vicinity have definitely arranged to leave Richmond at 12:30 noon, Monday, April 23d, via SOUTHERN RAILWAY. Special Pullman coaches will be furnished for their accommodation, going through from Richmond to New Orleans without change. This arrangement will only require one night out, as they will arrive in New Orleans at 8:15 P. M. Tuesday, April 24th.

